

Student Learning Outcomes for the History Area F

A student who successfully completes the History Area F has been introduced to the historical discipline. History is the study of the human past as it is constructed and interpreted with human artifacts, written evidence, and oral traditions. It requires empathy for historical actors, respect for interpretive debate, and the skillful use of an evolving set of practices and tools.

According to the American Historical Association's 2016 History Discipline Core, "as an inquiry into human experience, history demands that we consider the diversity of human experience across time and place. As a public pursuit, history requires effective communication to make the past accessible; it informs and preserves collective memory; it is essential to active citizenship. As a discipline, history requires a deliberative stance towards the past; the sophisticated use of information, evidence, and argumentation; and the ability to identify and explain continuity and change over time. Its professional ethics and standards demand peer review, citation, and acceptance of the provisional nature of knowledge."

An area F is an introduction to a Bachelors degree, not a Bachelors degree. Students who complete the History courses in Area F have only begun their studies of history. For this reason, successful completion of History courses in Area F indicates an introduction to the competencies of the history discipline, which are defined by individual institutions in the USG.